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BELOKOROVICHI MRBM COMPLEX, USSR LAUNCH AREA NO 3



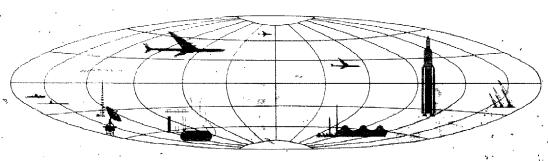


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BELOKOROVICHI MRBM COMPLEX, USSR LAUNCH AREA NO 3

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Launch Area No 1 (TDI name: Olevsk Launch Site 1) -- Type I 51-08-45N 28-00-15E

Launch Area No 2 (TDI name: Olevsk Launch Site 2) -- Type I 51-10-30N 28-03-30E

Launch Area No 3 (TDI name: Rudnya Zlotinskaya Launch Site) -- Type IV 51-03-30N 28-07-30E

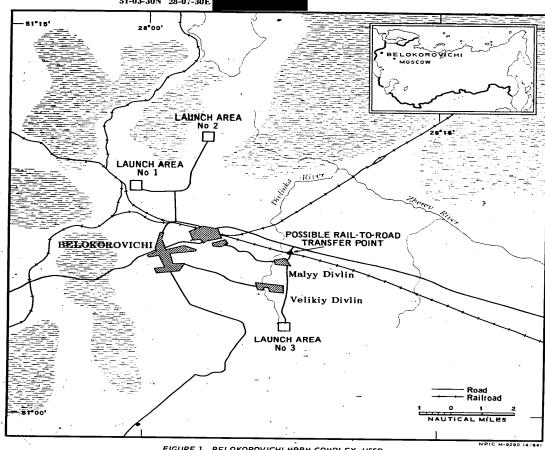


FIGURE 1. BELOKOROVICHI MRBM COMPLEX, USSR.

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This report, based on KEYHOLE photography of

updates that portion of NPIC/ R-142/63 1/ concerning Launch Area No 3. Information on the remainder of the Belokorovichi MRBM Complex is given in the referenced report. Launch Area No 3 is a complete Type IV launch area located 4 nm east-southeast of Belokorovichi, in the Ukranian SSR (Figure 1).

Launch Area No 3 lies near the edge of a woods which projects into a marshy area. The immediate terrain is flat, with an average elevation of 650 feet. An improved, probably all-weather road connects the area directly with a possible rail-to-road transfer point at Malyy Divlin, 1.8 nm to the north. The rail line connects the area to the Belokorovichi station and rail yard, which contains a turning wye. The area also has good access to Belokorovichi by means of a road system which includes a multilane, all-weather road paralleling the rail line, approximately 2.2 nm north of the launch area. Launch Areas No 1 and 2, both complete Type I areas, are located 6.8 nm northwest and 7.3 nm north-northwest, respectively, from Launch Area No 3.

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This launch area was first observed in at which time, because of the poor quality of photography, only the outline of the launch site and access road were visible. At that time, the two associated soft launch areas in the complex were completed or very nearly completed. In Launch Area No 3 was in the midstage of construction, with five buildings visible in the site support facility

the area was In identified as a Type IV MRBM launch area in the midstage of construction. Excavations containing three launch silos and a control bunker were visible. A portion of the loop road which. encompasses the control bunker also was visible.

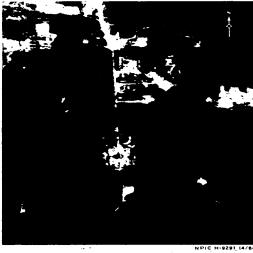


FIGURE 2. BELOKOROVICHI MRBM LAUNCH AREA NO 3.

The next good coverage of the launch area, in showed it to be complete (Figure 2). The launch site consisted of the characteristic heart-shaped loop road encompassing a mounded control bunker and serving four silo positions. The access road to the site had been extended through the center of the site, over the control bunker, and connected to an existing road. Several small buildings or structures had been added alongside the extended road within the launch site. The site support facility had been expanded and now contained approximately 20 buildings

Coverage revealed that several additional small buildings or structures had been added along the extended road within the launch site. These features, plus the snow cover, increase the difficulty of identifying the site.

The access road enters the site (Figure 3) through a gate 610 feet north of the center of the 25X1C

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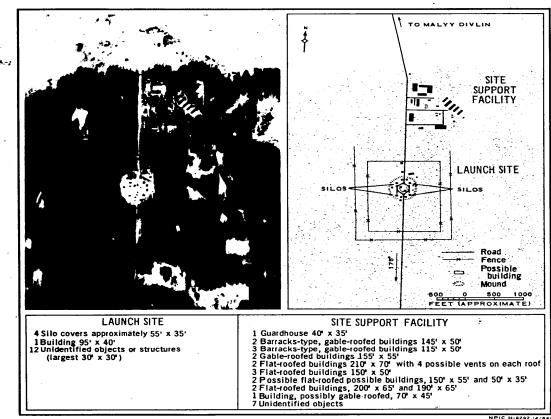


FIGURE 3. BELOKOROVICHI MRBM LAUNCH AREA NO 3.

launch site. At this point the road is 45 feet wide. The road then runs onto a slightly raised area, where it branches into a loop road serving four silo positions. In the center of the loop road is a small mound which conceals the control bunker. The access road appears to extend over the control bunker and connect with an existing road pattern outside the double security fence.

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Located around the loop road and alongside

the extended access road are 12 unidentified objects or structures, the largest of which measure 30 by 30 feet. These objects, in conjunction with the extended access road, could constitute an attempt at deception and increase the difficulty of identifying the site, especially in snow cover.

The site support facility contains 15 buildings, 2 possible buildings, and 7 unidentified

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objects or structures, the latter scattered about the facility.

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